



## Seminar on illegal logging

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# Background of the project



- Insufficient and scattered timber trade information on supplier countries – creating trade barriers
- Legislation (e.g. EUTR) requires Due Diligence
- Essential to know and understand the origin of timber



# ETTF's response

A new website presenting relevant trade & legality information of producer countries, including:

- Industry profile
- Legality profile
- Contacts

The website will be linked to the ETTF and ITTO websites

**ONE STOP  
SHOP**



# Benefits for trade partners

- Key country information on what importers/exporters need to know
- Product promotion in an international network with high potential reach
- ETTF-support and network offers a bridge to expanded trade for producers

Final aim: Stimulate trade, leading to export growth and diversification

# Information profile structure

Industry	Legality	Contact & Review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forest resources and structure of forestry sector</li><li>• Production and export, production and trade data</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislative framework</li><li>• List of applicable laws and regulations</li><li>• Key documents</li><li>• Bans &amp; quota</li><li>• CITES and protected species</li><li>• National action on timber legality (VPA)</li><li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information network (country specific)</li><li>• Review option (updates, suggested sources, news)</li></ul>

# Selected countries for the project

Selection based on trade volume and available information

Americas	Africa	Eastern Europe and Asia
<b>Brazil</b>	Cameroon	China
Ecuador	Central African Republic	India
Guyana	Republic of the Congo	Indonesia
Honduras	Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)	Malaysia
Peru	Gabon	Myanmar
Suriname	<b>Ghana</b>	Papua New Guinea
	Ivory Coast	Russia
	Liberia	Ukraine
		<b>Vietnam</b>

**Countries in pilot phase:** Brazil, Ghana, Vietnam

**Non-ITTO countries:** China, Russia, Ukraine

The website is open for other producer countries to join

# Compilation of profiles

## 3-step approach



- Compilation based on available sources
  - Publicly available sources
  - Network Form International
  - You!
- Expert review
- Check of theory against practice at timber importing companies

# Website impression





Gateway to International

# TIMBER TRADE

## Supporting growth, transparency and diversification of international timber trade

Welcome at the gateway to a transparent and well-informed international timber trade. This gateway is an answer of the European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF) to the numerous questions timber traders have when it comes to legal timber trade, due diligence, country requirements and export. It serves as a central information point, where you will find country profiles on both timber industry and legislation of about 30 producer countries,

mainly located in tropical Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The construction of this website has been supported by the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and European Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition (STTC) and builds upon knowledge gathered and published by several organisations and institutions.

SELECT YOUR COUNTRY



**Americas**

Brazil  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Ecuador  
Guatemala  
Guyana  
Honduras  
Mexico  
Panama  
Peru  
Suriname

**Africa**

Benin  
Cameroon  
Central African Republic  
Congo  
Democratic Republic  
of the Congo (DRC)  
Gabon  
**Ghana**  
Ivory coast  
Liberia  
Mali  
Mozambique

**Eastern Europe and Asia**

Cambodia  
China  
Fiji  
India  
Indonesia  
Malaysia  
Myanmar  
Papua New Guinea  
Philippines  
Russia  
Ukraine  
Vietnam

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## FOREST RESOURCES

According to the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 Ghana has around 9.337 million hect

ares of forest land, which constitutes to 41% of the total land area. Around 9.012 million hectares are primary or otherwise naturally regenerated forest, and the remaining part of 325 thousand hectares is planted forest. The full 100% of the forest area the land is publicly owned, and timber licenses are issued in the form of Timber Utilization Contracts by the Ghanaian Forestry Commission.

The Ghanaian forests broadly fall into two vegetation zones, each with different vegetation and forest types: the High Forest Zone in the South covering 34% and the Savannah Zone in the North covering 66% of the land area<sup>1</sup>. Ghana has approximately 2.6 million hectares of forest reserve land, of which 1.6 million hectares falls within the so-called High Forest Zone. Of these reserves over 700 thousand hectares have been dedicated for timber production, with the remainder under protection. In addition, approximately 500 thousand hectares of unreserved forests as well as a further 2 million hectares of crop land also produce timber<sup>2</sup>.



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- KEY DOCUMENTS
- BANS AND QUOTA
- CITES AND PROTECTED SPECIES
- NATIONAL ACTION ON TIMBER LEGALITY
- THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION
- SOURCES OF INFORMATION

## LEGALITY FRAMEWORK

There is no special legislation for forest plantations, and the existing legislation focusses on natural forests. Specific key documents are issued for plantation forestry, with the same legal basis.

All prospective buyers of timber and wood products are required to officially register with TIDD for processing and issuance of Buyers Registration Certificate. The certificate is valid for one calendar year and it is renewable upon re-application

## KEY DOCUMENTS

### Harvesting

Key documents	Legal Authority	Explanation
Felling permit / Letter of approval	Forestry Commission	A felling permit or letter of approval demonstrates that the holder of this permit received permission of the holder of the forest resource, holds a valid Timber Utilisation Contract or Salvage permit issued by the relevant authorities, and that the logger complied with

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### Position and role

The Forestry Commission of Ghana is responsible for the regulation of utilization of forest and wildlife resources, the conservation and management of those resources and the coordination of policies related to them.

The TVD of the Forestry Commission of Ghana is responsible for verifying the legal origins of timber products harvested in Ghana for export to the European Union and other consumer markets.

The TIDD is the designated licensing authority under the VPA

The GPHA manages ports operations for shipment of wood consignment at Tema and Takoradi ports, and regulates the operations of the Shipping Companies / Freight forwarders to conform with VPA requirements on timber exports and imports.

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- Verify and respond to draft profiles
- Link your website and promote this initiative in your network
- Assist to keep information updated
- Share relevant trade news to be posted on the site



## Suggestions, remarks or assistance?

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